

Approved: 2/15/2012

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Seth Ventress Auditorium
January 24, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Ms. Morrison called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Shrand	Yes
Ms. Morrison	Yes
Ms. Tracey	Yes
Mr. Scollins	Yes
Mrs. Currie	Yes

Also present was Supt. Scott Borstel, Asst. Supt. Ellen Martin, and Director of Business & Finance, Thomas Miller.

Ms. Morrison noted under the Open Meeting Law, she was informing the public of this meeting being videotaped by Marshfield Community Television. If anyone in the audience is taping the meeting, either audio or video, please inform us of such at this time. WATD Radio is audio taping this public meeting.

Principal Robert Keuther recited the PeaceBuilders Pledge.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

School Committee Chair, Marti Morrison, opened Budget Public Hearing for discussion. No public questions or comments. Chair Morrison closed Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Borstel updated the Committee on the following:

- FBMS Principal Search is on schedule – interviews will be this Thursday with three candidates. FBMS Committee will recommended two finalists to be interviewed by Central Office Administration.

Asst. Supt. Martin updated the Committee on the following:

- Technology Plan discussing impact on District Improvement Plan
- PeaceBuilders training for bus and van drivers last week
- Elementary Math Common Core and ELA moving forward

Subcommittee Reports:

Mrs. Currie noted Martinson School Council set goal to establish a Public Relations Committee and work on a garden for the courtyard.

Mrs. Tracey noted Marshfield Educational Foundation Open House on March 1 at The Bailey Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering, please sign up on March 1st.

Ms. Morrison noted IBB begins again this week.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IV. MINUTES

MOTION: Mrs. Currie moved to approve the minutes of January 10, 2012 as written. Mr. Scollins second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Currie moved to approve the executive session minutes of January 10, 2012 as written. Mrs. Tracey second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:	Mrs. Shrand	Yes
	Ms. Morrison	Yes
	Mr. Scollins	Yes
	Mrs. Currie	Yes
	Mrs. Tracey	Yes

V. OLD BUSINESS

FY'13 Educational Budget: Mr. Miller presented overview of educational budget in the amount of \$41,697,724

- Review of past 20 years' budget
- Review of reductions in staff and expenses from FY'09 through FY'11
- Review of fee structure from FY'09 – FY'11
- Cost of living adjustment not included in FY'13 budget
- State and local aid is currently level funded; however, this could change
- Circuit Breaker Reimbursement is currently level funded

MOTION: Mrs. Currie moved to approve the FY'13 Educational Budget in the amount of \$41,697,724. Mrs. Tracey second. VOTE: 4-1-0. (Scollins nay)

2012-2013 Full Day Kindergarten Fee Structure: Mr. Miller reviewed sliding scale – annual tuition \$3,000 with 20% and 50% reduction comparable to Free & Reduced scale.

MOTION: Mr. Scollins moved to approve the Sliding Fee Scale for Full Day Kindergarten Tuition as presented. Mrs. Currie second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Marshfield High School SBA Project Funding Agreement: Mr. Miller reviewed documents. Town Counsel has reviewed agreement and given his certification for School Committee to execute agreement on behalf of the Town of Marshfield. Packet will be signed by School Committee Chair and Town Counsel for mailing to MSBA.

MOTION: Mrs. Currie moved School Committee votes to authorize the Town of Marshfield to enter into and be bound by the Project Funding Agreement, and authorize the School Committee Chair to execute the agreement. Mrs. Shrand second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Advanced Placement / Honors Courses Presentation: Principal Robert Keuther and Guidance Director Caralie Ford presented background of AP courses and explained college admission process. Overview of two year progression with Advanced Placement and Honors Courses was presented along with elimination of level three courses. Marshfield currently offers 16 AP courses.

Committee discussed advantages and disadvantages of AP versus Honors courses along with academic pressure and student opportunities. Mrs. Shrand noted honors courses would be maintained rather than replaced by AP courses. Honors classes could be a wiser choice with low enrollment.

Mrs. Shrand referenced publication in the Washington Post.

Individual counseling is provided to students enrolled in AP courses. Ms. Ford asked about professional development to AP teachers.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

- Future Policy Review: (1) School and Town Revenue Share & Fixed Cost Allocation; and (2) School and Town Free Cash Policy

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Currie moved to adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Scollins second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Shrand	Yes
Ms. Morrison	Yes
Mr. Scollins	Yes
Ms. Tracey	Yes
Mrs. Currie	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Despier
School Committee Secretary